

1 THE CHAIRMAN: You may proceed.

2 DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Mr. Chairman, I think it
3 is important that every delegate here know the concept
4 of eminent domain. This is the only unAmerican provision
5 that you will find in a state Constitution, this is in
6 direct opposition to everything we hold near and dear,
7 the right of freedom and the right of contract and the
8 right of property ownership.

9 What we are saying is that the legislature has
10 the right to interfere with the right of contract and
11 the right of property ownership, to go in and take any
12 person's house or property or business, take it away for
13 a stated amount of money.

14 Now, we talk about the problem of cost. The
15 whole idea behind this thing is that the cost is spread
16 through all of the citizens of the state of Maryland and
17 is not allowed to be borne by one individual. Now, if a
18 person after many years of effort and hard labor is
19 fortunate enough to own a \$10,000 house, is there any
20 reason why that person should get any less than
21 \$10,000 for his property when it is taken away from him?